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TO
SHANGHAI.

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Not that imparted knowledge doth
Diminish learning's store ;
But books I find, if often lent,
Return to me no more.

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The Duke and Duchess of Connaught in Shanghai.

A MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION.

ROYAL AFFABILITY CHARMS THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC.

 Ueen's weather favoured the Royal visitors, during the one short day (Tuesday, April 8) they were with us. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught saw Shanghai at its best: overhead an immaculate sky of the deepest blue, a sun just pleasantly hot, without entailing much danger of sunstroke, the waterfront one blaze of flags, evergreens, and lanterns, and an enthusiastic crowd of well-dressed sightseers, foreign and native; the Volunteers drawn up on the Bund close to the landing-stage as a guard of honour, and all Shanghai turned out *en masse*, the little Republic of the Far East pays its respectful homage to the power that gave it birth, in the person of the third son of the august ruler upon whose realms the sun never sets. The mixed nature of the community was never evinced in a more striking manner than that day when men of every nationality from China to Peru joined in bidding Their Royal Highnesses a hearty welcome, and in making their short stay here as pleasant as possible.

When the vessel bearing the Royal party reached Woosung on Tuesday morning the forts, and three ironclads of the Pei-yang Squadron which happened to be there, fired a Royal salute, which is remarkable as being the first such compliment ever paid by the Chinese to a foreign prince, and Captain Yeih, the Commodore of the squadron, went on board the *Ancona* to present his compliments to their Royal Highnesses. He was very graciously received, and informed H.R.H. the Duke that he had been in the British navy and had served as an officer under H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh on the *Black Prince*.

H.R.H. was greatly pleased with this mark of attention, and conversed with Captain Yeih about several matters and displayed much interest in what he said about the Chinese fleet and his training in the British navy. while he also expressed his gratification at what the naval and military authorities had done him by firing a royal salute.

The P. & O. *Gutzlaff* and the M.M. *Whang-poo* tenders, having been placed at the disposal of the Royal visitors to bring them up from the *Ancona*, went down to Woosung the night before, Mr. P. J. Hughes, H.B.M.'s Consul-General, going down in the *Gutzlaff* along with Mr. H. A. Ritchie, the Agent of the P. & O. Co., to meet the steamer. Mr. R. E. Bredon, Commissioner of Customs, went down in the *Pingching* and was afterwards joined by Mr. J. I. Miller, District Grand Master of the Masonic Body, who went down in his own boat. A huge pagoda of beautiful flowers, seven feet high, with an address, was sent on Monday by the German portion of the community to the British Consulate for presentation the next day to H.R.H. the Duchess.

At a meeting of the General Reception Committee on Saturday Mr. Hughes read the following telegram from Sir John Walsham, H.B.M.'s Minister at Peking:—Referring to a despatch received from Mr. Hughes—"Sir John Walsham heartily congratulates the Community, the Committee, and Consul-General on the steps which have been taken for the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. The Minister while

tendering his best thanks for all that has been done, has no doubt that the arrangements made will be most gratifying to Their Royal Highnesses."

The following was the programme for Tuesday, but, as will be seen later on, the times were considerably altered owing to the late arrival of the Royal party:—

- 10.00 a.m. Landing of the Duke and Duchess at the P. & O. Pontoon.
- 11.00 „ Reception of the Chinese authorities at the British Consulate.
- 11.15 „ Reception of the Consular Body.
- 11.30 „ Presentation of the Address from British residents.
- 11.45 „ Presentation of Address at the Masonic Hall.
- 12.15 p.m. Presentation of Address from the Municipal Council at the statue of Sir Harry Parkes.
- 12.20 „ Unveiling of the statue of Sir Harry Parkes.
- 1.00 „ Luncheon at the Shanghai Club.
- 9.30 „ Procession of the Fire Brigade will start from the French Bund.

THE ARRIVAL.

Long before the hour fixed for the arrival of the Royal party on Tuesday morning, the Bund was crowded with eager spectators. Half-past nine, ten, eleven came and still the pre-arranged telegram announcing the departure of the *Gutzlaff* from the *Ancona's* anchorage did not arrive. The spectators, and Volunteers drawn up as a guard of honour, grew tired and hot, and a little impatient at the long delay, but at last the bomb went up and the signal-flag was hoisted at the P. & O. Flag-staff. There had been some mistake about the telegram, and H.R.H. the Duchess was not ready to leave the *Ancona* till 9.45. The S.V.C. Band, under Chev. Vela, struck up "God save the Queen" as the *Gutzlaff*, flying the Royal Standard, came into sight, and the Reception Committee headed by their Chairman, Sir Richard Rennie, waited on the P. & O. Jetty to receive the Royal visitors. There was some little difficulty found in bringing the tender alongside the jetty, but after two attempts she was safely moored, and Their Royal Highnesses stepped ashore. The Volunteer Artillery fired a Royal salute, the blue-jackets of H.M.S. *Linnet* manning the yards and send-

ing up a cheer which was, however, drowned in the salvoes of the Artillery. Strange to say there was very little cheering when the Royal party landed. Mr. Loehr, Acting Consul for Germany, then presented Her Royal Highness, the Duchess, with a handsome bouquet on behalf of the German Minister; and His Royal Highness, who was quietly attired in morning dress, stepped on shore, accompanied by General Sir John McNeill, with Col. Cavaye, and walked up from the jetty and along the Bund to inspect the Volunteers. His Royal Highness took about ten minutes to go through the corps and spent some time speaking to Major Morrison, to whom he expressed himself as highly pleased with the smart appearance of the different branches of the corps. This brief inspection concluded, Their Royal Highnesses, amidst enthusiastic cheering, proceeded in a landau and beautiful pair of cream-coloured horses to H.B.M.'s Consulate-General, where they received the Chinese Officials and the Consular Body, after which they proceeded to the Supreme Court, where the Address from British residents was presented. The building was densely crowded, all the Foreign Officials, including the entire Consular Body and the members of the Reception Committee, occupying places near the platform reserved for the Royal party.

THE BRITISH RESIDENTS' ADDRESS.

The scene in the court-room was a very unusual and brilliant one. The judge's end of the room was covered in red cloth and enlivened with flowers, while the body of the court-room was filled with a crowd of British residents, the greater part of whom could only find standing room. When Their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. W. R. Carles, and Mr. G. Brown, Vice-Consuls, entered the room every one rose to their feet; but it was not till after the speech of his Royal Highness that his ears were first made acquainted with the wild "tiger" with which the three cheers of Shanghai are usually capped. Then they were given with a will, and the Royal party looked astonished but pleased.

Amongst the foreign Consuls present were—Mr. Joseph Haas, Consul-General for Austro-Hungary; Mr. Max Goebel, Consul-General for Belgium; Mr. John Macgregor, Consul for Denmark; Mr. R. Wagner, Consul-General for France; Mr. von Loehr, Vice-Consul for Germany; Mr. E. Ghisi, Acting Consul for Italy; J. Rhein, *Chargé d'Affaires*, for Netherlands;

Mr. Carl Jantzen, Consul for the Netherlands; Mr. Joaquim Valdez, Consul for Portugal; Mr. F. G. Bonilla, Consul for Spain; Dr. Carl Bock, Consul-General for Sweden and Norway; Mr. J. A. Leonard, Consul-General for the United States; Sir R. T. Rennie, Chief Justice; Mr. R. A. Mowat, Assistant Judge; Mr. R. E. Bredon, Commissioner of Customs; and Mr. H. S. Wilkinson, Crown Advocate, and the other members of the Committee, each wearing a blue badge, were amongst those present.

Sir Richard Rennie, after a few preliminary remarks, read the following address:—

“TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, K.G., K.P., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., C.B., ETC., ETC.

“SIR,—As members of the British Community resident at Shanghai, we beg to tender to Your Royal Highness and your illustrious Consort our respectful and loyal welcome to this Settlement. Our only regret is that your other arrangements do not allow of a longer visit.

“While fully recognising that there are not such local attractions as elsewhere tempt the traveller to linger, we trust that your Royal Highnesses may still find something to interest you here.

“Less than fifty years have elapsed since this port was opened to British trade. In that time a city, taking high rank among the European Settlements in the Far East, has sprung up and is daily extending its borders and increasing its population. Now we have a British mercantile community through whose hands not only the bulk of the China trade passes, but which deals with a not inconsiderable portion of the trade of our own nation. Here too can be daily seen numbers of the best specimens of our country's merchant navy, showing that in China, as elsewhere, the British ensign covers its full share of the carrying trade of the world.

“The start made here under British auspices has been taken advantage of by representatives of almost every civilised nation, and Shanghai has become to-day a Settlement quite singular in the diversity of its component parts and as a consequence unique in the form of self-government which has been evolved for it. To the liberal policy adopted by Her Majesty's Government in earlier times is largely due

the development of the Municipal system under which we live. The signs of its successful working, everywhere sufficiently apparent, will no doubt specially attract your Royal Highness' attention.

“It only remains for us to express the hope that your Royal Highnesses will have a pleasant and successful journey home; and to ask you, Sir, to convey to your august mother, our Most Gracious Sovereign, the warmest feelings of loyalty and devotion from Her Majesty's subjects in Shanghai.”

His Royal Highness, in reply, said,—

Sir Richard Rennie and British Inhabitants of Shanghai,—I hope you will allow me in the name of H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, as well as myself, to thank you for the kindly words of thoroughly hearty and English welcome which you have just read. (Applause.) It is a source of great satisfaction to ourselves to feel that in the different nations we visit we are received by our own countrymen in the same warm manner which we should find at home. (Applause.) We cannot but be struck with the great civilisation and the great signs of activity and trade we have already seen in our way up the river to this large Settlement. It reflects the greatest credit on those who put into motion a system which has enabled our countrymen, assisted by those of other nations, in the midst of a large and foreign country like China, to ply their trade in the successful manner they have done. I am astounded to see the splendid buildings, the mass of shipping, and the evidences of extreme activity on all sides; and I can assure you I consider that that alone is well worth coming to see in this distant port. (Applause.) It is always a satisfaction to find how loyal are all the subjects of our Gracious Sovereign, however far away they may be from their homes—(Applause)—and the Address you have just read to me is a sign of your wish to express through ourselves your feelings of devotion and loyalty to our Gracious Sovereign, and affection to the country which we hold so dear. (Loud applause.)

Three cheers were then given for the Queen and three more for the Duke and Duchess, and the proceedings terminated.

It had been arranged that Mr. R. E. Bredon, Commissioner of Customs, should be presented to Their Highnesses along with the Taotai, as representing the Imperial Authorities,

but the Taotai being late. H.R.H. the Duke was kind enough to have Mr. Bredon presented to him alone. Mr. Bredon then presented the two Deputy Commissioners, Mr. Hillier and Mr. Towell. Mr. W. Wilson, a member of the out-door staff, who had many years ago been a shipmate with H.R.H. on board the *Vivid*, was also presented to the Duke, who at once recognized him, and said he well remembered him as a lad on board the ship named.

The next item on the programme was the presentation of the Address in the Masonic Hall, to which His Royal Highness, accompanied by Col. Cavaye and Mr. C. Thorne, walked over, dispensing with the carriage and escort of Light Horse, who were told off to escort the Royal equipage which was supplied by the Horse Bazaar. Meanwhile H.R.H. the Duchess and the ladies of the party were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes at the Consulate.

THE MASONIC ADDRESS.

The District Grand Lodge of Northern China was opened at 12.30 p.m. by the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. I. Miller, in the presence of a large number of Masons.

The Royal visitor was received at the Hall by Rt. Wor. Bro. C. Thorne, B.D.G.M. of Northern China; Rt. Wor. Bro. C. H. Dallas, P.D.G.M. of Japan; the District Grand Stewards and other officers of the D.G. Lodge. The Tyler announced the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M. of Sussex and D.G.M. of Bombay, when Bro. Crompton who presided at the organ, played the National Anthem, and H.R.H., accompanied by Brother Cavaye, of N.D.M.G. Lodge, Scottish Freemasons, India, was admitted. After the Brethren had saluted His Royal Highness with seven, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. I. Miller tendered the thanks of the craft for the honour H.R.H. had conferred upon them in visiting the D.G. Lodge, and in consenting to accept from them an address to mark their appreciation of his services to the craft. The Rt. Wor. D.G.M. called the attention of H.R.H. to this our cosmopolitan city, and there was nothing more truly cosmopolitan than Freemasons, as here in Shanghai there were three Lodges working under the English constitution, one American and one Scotch, all five of which worked together in brotherly love and harmony. After briefly reviewing the work effected by Freemasons in this the remotest centre of Freemasonry the District Grand Master begged

to be allowed to read to H.R.H. an Address which not only emanated from the District Grand Lodge, but was warmly supported and numerous signed by members of both the Scotch and American constitutions.

The Address, which was read by Mr. J. I. Miller, was as follows:—

“TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, R.G., R.T., R.P., ETC., ETC., District Grand Master of Bombay.

“SIR AND RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—On behalf of the Masons in Northern China working under the jurisdiction of The United Grand Lodge of England, we beg to offer you a hearty welcome on your visit to Shanghai, coupled with the regret that your stay amongst us is not sufficiently prolonged to permit your acceptance of the hospitality of the Brethren.

“To yourself, as District Grand Master of Bombay, we beg to tender our sincere congratulations on the success and prosperity of Freemasonry under your jurisdiction, and we trust you may have a propitious voyage back to your original Province, carrying with you the satisfactory assurance of the deep interest and rapid growth of the Craft in the Far East.

“As brother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, we welcome in you an additional proof of the interest your Illustrious House has for long taken in the Royal Craft. Under his guidance Masonry has firmly occupied the habitable surface of the Globe, and has planted its branches wherever civilized life has been possible, and we may repeat the wish expressed to yourself by The Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, that the unity of the Craft may be still further promoted wherever your influence extends as the firm belief of those who know the deep interest you take therein.

“We pray you on your return to England to convey our dutiful respects to Her Most Gracious Majesty, your August Mother; may her life be prolonged and her memory live still longer in the affections of her subjects.

“To Your Illustrious Consort, the Duchess of Connaught, we offer our heartfelt congratulations, as Masons, remembering that like yourself the Royal House from which she has sprung has been ever the Munificent Patron of Freemasonry.

"That the Great Architect of the Universe may ever have you both in His holy keeping is the prayer of those who though so far removed from their native land still retain their love and fidelity to their God, their Country, and their Craft,

"Shanghai, 8th April, 1890."

The above Address, which was designed and illuminated by Mr. R. A. de Villard, was subscribed to by upwards of 140 signatures as follows, was then presented to H.R.H., who received it from the hands of the Rt. Wor. Dist. Grand Master.

J. I. Miller, D.G.M., Northern China.
 C. Thorne, P.D.G., Master, Northern China.
 Chas. H. Dallas, P.D.G., Master, Japan.
 T. W. Kingsmill, D.D.G.M.
 F. M. Gratton, D.S.G.W.
 G. R. Wingrove, D.I.G.W.
 Sydenham Moutrie, D.G., Treasurer.
 John West, D.G., Registrar.
 John Fryer, P.D.B. of G.P.
 S. R. Gale, D.G., Secretary.
 Jas. H. Osborne, D.G.S., Deacon.
 R. Pestonjee, D.G.J.D.
 D. E. Sassoon, D.G., Supt. of Works.
 Ed. Bois, D.G., Dir. of Cer.
 J. W. Gande, D. Asst. G. Dir. of Cer.
 R. J. Sloan, D.G., Sword Bearer.
 G. Lanning, D.G., Organist.
 H. J. Sharp, D. Asst. G. Secy.
 E. P. Wickham, D.G., Pursuivant.
 E. C. Pearce, D. Asst G.P.
 Wm. Cope, D.G., Steward.
 J. J. Mansfield, D.G., Steward.
 W. W. Clifford, P.D.G., Steward.
 W. Sharp Fraser, D.G., Steward.
 John Gould, D.G., Tyler.
 John Morris, P.D.S.W.
 W. H. Short, do.
 J. M. Cory, do.
 L. Moore, do.
 F. P. Catterall, P.D.G.S.
 W. H. Anderson, P.D.S.G.W.
 F. J. Marshall, P.D.G.W.
 A. Johnsford, P.D.G.W.
 J. Danielsen, M.M., Royal Sussex.
 John West, P.M., Royal Sussex.
 A. J. Rahamim, M.M., Tuscan.

J. S. Nazer, M.M., Victoria.
 J. J. Solomon, M.M., Doric.
 J. J. Judah, M.M., Tuscan.
 P. C. Pallanjee, M.M., Royal Sussex.
 Harry J. Sharp, W., Royal Sussex.
 J. H. P. Parker, P.M., Royal Sussex.
 H. Salzwedel, M.M., Tuscan.
 Cawas Lalcaha, M.M., Royal Sussex.
 R. Pestonjee, W.M., Do.
 Osborne Middledton, P.M., Tuscan.
 C. Melville Donaldson, P.M., S.C., Queensland.
 George Smith, M.M., Joppa.
 A. H. Jaques, M.M., E.C., Rising Sun.
 J. C. Cheetham, M.M., E.C. Royal Albert.
 F. Chifton, M.M., Royal Sussex.
 J. Roberts, M.M., Do.
 W. H. Jackson, M.M., Tuscan.
 W. S. Joseph, M.M., do
 R. J. Solomon, M.M., Victoria,
 A. M. A. Evans, P.D.G.W.P.M., Royal Sussex.
 Richard Tice, M.M., Social.
 J. Gurney, M.M., Tuscan.
 Wm. Cope, Secy., Royal Sussex.
 D. M. David, P.D.S.G.D. Doric.
 W. Randle, M.M., Zetland.
 W. H. Short, P.D.G.W.P.M., Tuscan.
 V. C. Suvoong M.M., Royal Sussex.
 W. H. Roberts, M.M., St. Martins, N. Brunswick.
 Jos. Jaques, M.M., Tuscan.
 E. H. Lavers, M.M., Northern.
 J. Howell, M.M., Royal Sussex.
 Fred. Davis, M.M., Tuscan.
 George Jackson, M.M., Belgrave.
 A. Fiben, M.M., Doric.
 Wm. Mesny, M.M., Royal Sussex.
 Thos. Ford, M.M., do.
 J. P. McEuen, M.M., Northern.
 F. L. Crompton, M.M., Northern.
 W. S. Emens, Secy. do.
 F. G. Cockey, M.M., do.
 Chas. C. Brown, P.M., Ancient Landmark.
 J. W. Mielenhausen, B.W.M., S.C.
 Thomas Pemberton, P.M., S.C.
 C. J. Holland, P.M., S.C.
 James Bannerman, S.W. S.C.
 R. Stahlberg, J.W., S.C.
 J. W. Fenton, J.D., S.C.
 D. T. Black, W.M., Ancient Landmark Mass Con.
 F. P. Williams, P.M., S.C.

J. Eveleigh, J., Ancient Landmark, Mass., Con.	
A. Ortwin, M.M.,	do. do.
George Louday Skinner, P.M.,	do. do.
A. W. Danforth, M.M.,	do. do.
G. Howard, P.S.W.,	do. do.
F. A. A. Kofod, M.M.,	S.C.
Aug. Neubourg, M.M.,	S.C.
John Inokay, M.M.,	S.C.
Alfred J. Adams, B.B.,	S.C.
Duncan Macfarlane, M.M., Ancient Landmark.	
N. P. Andersen, P.M., A.L., A.C.	
And. Samme, M.M., Royal York.	
R. W. Mustard,	A.C.
L. Andersen,	S.C.
A. Posthumous, M.M., Germania G.-C.	
Alex. Murray, M.M., Ancient Landmark.	
R. Angove, M.M.,	S.C.
H. Freudenthal, M.M.,	S.C.
T. Y. Hovell, M.M.,	S.C.
Henry Batten, M.M.,	S.C.
C. H. McCaslin, M.M., Ancient Landmark.	
Geo. H. Swales, M.M.,	do.
W. A. Hague, S.D.,	S.C.
Joseph Haas, P.M., Germania G.-C.	
John B. Fyfe, M.M.,	S.C.
Chas. Deighton Braysher.	
Wm. Kite, M.M.,	S.C.
A. R. Bowman, J.D., Ancient Landmark.	
C. A. Swanstrom, M.M.,	S.C.
O. P. Damström, M.M., Ancient Landmark.	
Edward Belbin, M.M.,	do.
H. Burton, M.M.,	do.
V. F. Crolus, M.M.	do.
M. Haimovitch, M.M.,	do.
T. Satafir, M.M.,	do.
Jos. C. Hoch, M.M.,	S.C.
E. J. O. Rowland, S.C.	
Jno. Pike, M.M.,	S.C.
James Sloan, M.M., Ancient Landmark.	
G. C. Graham, M.M.,	do.

His Royal Highness gracefully and eloquently replied. He thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner with which he had been received in their midst that day. He assured the brethren it was to him a source of great pleasure to know that the welcome extended to him came not only from members of the English constitution but also from those of the American and Scotch. It was a proof that in this as in all other parts of the world the same truly masonic feeling

existed, and that the same great principles of Freemasonry were upheld, which principles welded together brethren of all nationalities and constitutions, in brotherly love and good fellowship, in their esteem and affection for the Craft. He would not fail to convey to his brother H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, their expressions of confidence, and their loyalty to our Gracious Sovereign should not be allowed to be forgotten. He thanked the brethren for their kindly reference to H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught and regretted that his limited stay in Shanghai prevented him from availing himself of their hospitality; and, in conclusion, thanked the brethren for their generous welcome, assuring them it would ever be established in his memory and hold a firm place in his heart. The Lodge was then closed and a procession formed behind His Royal Highness, who proceeded to the Minor Hall, which was set apart for his convenience.

It may be of interest to Masons to know that H.R.H. signed his name in the Masonic roll as "Arthur, D.G.M. of Bombay and P.G.M. of Sussex."

AT THE STATUE.

The next move was towards the Sir Harry Parkes statue, which was reached between half-past twelve and one o'clock, the Infantry Companies of the S. V. C. being drawn up in a square round the statue, and the entire Consular Body in their uniforms, and the Municipal Council taking their places close to the platform which was occupied by ladies. When Their Royal Highnesses arrived, the Duke having returned from the Masonic Hall to the Consulate to join the rest of the Royal party, there was a scene of great enthusiasm, the great crowd cheering to the echo, and Their Royal Highnesses bowed their gracious acknowledgments. Her Royal Highness the Duchess wore the same costume as on her arrival, a dark green dress in the *directoire* style with silver trimming in front on the turned back flaps of the coat part, a short fawn coloured jacket and a bonnet to match, with veil. The gracious manner of His R.H. completely captivated the spectators, and when the members of the Municipal Council had been introduced, H.R.H. heartily shaking hands with each severally, they stood under the statue, with uncovered heads and hats of all shapes (including several resurrected, antique stove-pipes) in their hands; the Duke kindly bade them keep their hats on in the blazing sun.



THE UNVEILING OF THE STATUE OF SIR HARRY PARKES.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S ADDRESS.

Mr. John Macgregor, Chairman of the Municipal Council, said—When it became known that your Royal Highness and your illustrious Consort intended to pay a visit to Shanghai, there was a unanimous manifestation of a desire that a welcome should be offered to you on behalf of every person within these Settlements. The outward expression of this sentiment has been given effect to in part in the demonstration before you, and I further on their behalf crave permission to read the following address.

Mr. Macgregor then read the following address (which was beautifully illuminated on parchment by Mr. Mayne, the Municipal Surveyor).

“TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CON-
NAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, K.G., K.T.,
K.P., ETC., ETC., ETC.

“SIR,—The Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlements of Shanghai, as representative of the Local Government of this Community, desire to offer to Your Royal Highness and your illustrious Consort a respectful and most cordial welcome.

“Not the least important result of the Treaty which terminated the war of 1842 was the opening of Shanghai to Foreign Trade. Arrangements were then made for the residence of Foreigners at this port, but even the most sanguine did not anticipate that the Settlement then founded by the British Authorities would develop into the important City which it has since become.

“The British and American Governments having in a liberal spirit given up such exclusive administrative rights as they possessed over their respective Settlements, the Municipal Government is now conducted under a code known as the Shanghai Land Regulations to which the representatives of all the Treaty Powers and the Chinese Government have given their consent. This is in fact a Republic in all but the name, its success has justified its constitution and its stability is attested by its having weathered stormy times when the Empire has been severely shaken by Rebellion and War, while the acceptability of its administration to Chinese is shown by the numbers who make it their place of residence, the present Chinese population being about 130,000.

“A feature of our local administration which will appeal to the sympathies of your Royal Highness are the Volunteers who received and saluted you on landing to-day. This organization is maintained for the preservation of order in conformity with the well-known Volunteer motto, “Defence not Defiance,” and we are indebted to the British Authorities for the sympathetic aid they give us in maintaining its efficiency.

“We feel gratified that a Prince so distinguished should visit the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai to see for himself the progress that has been made during an existence of less than half a century, and we trust that Your Royal Highness may carry away with you a remembrance not unpleasant of your visit to a port in which subjects and citizens of divers nationalities have combined to create material commercial interests of no little importance.”

His Royal Highness replying said:—Sir, and Gentlemen of the Municipality,—It is not often that one in my position has an Address presented to him from so influential a community as this of which you are the representatives. It is a happy thing that the wise action of Her Majesty's Government and of the Government of the United States has resulted in bringing together people of different nationalities, but imbued with the same ideas and the same feelings, to work together in harmony and under an administration which seems to benefit them and their countrymen here, and, I may almost say, throughout the Chinese Empire. (Applause.) I am glad that I have come to visit you at a time of such complete peace. We may well look forward, now that the Chinese Government have shown such a friendly feeling towards me—as an instance of which I hope I may mention the welcome extended to me by the Viceroy of this province—to an era of prosperity which will increase the trade which I see so large around me. I thank you, Sir, and I hope you will thank those of the Municipality who have so kindly welcomed the Duchess and myself here to-day. I need not say how much I appreciate the kindly sentiments expressed towards myself, and, I know, through me towards my beloved mother, the Queen (Cheers.) Before finishing, I hope you will allow me to refer to your Volunteers. It was a great pleasure to me to see them out to-day; in going down their front I was able to see what a fine body of men you have in them. Their organisation is peculiar; they represent men coming from different countries but all imbued with a strong

sense of duty and loyalty to the government under which they are serving. I have often heard of the smartness and efficiency of the Shanghai Volunteers; and I know that within the next few days they are to be put through the ordeal of a General Inspection, and I am sure the result will be as satisfactory as they could wish. (Applause.) I believe I am right in saying that they are one of the few Volunteer corps who have actually been engaged. I believe that not only did they lose several men killed, but had a number of men wounded; and I am sure that if, unfortunately, the necessity were to arise they would be ready, as they would be ready, as they have been before, to do their duty. (Loud cheers.)

UNVEILING THE STATUE.

Mr. J. G. Purdon, Chairman of the Sir Harry Parkes Statue Committee, was then presented to his Royal Highness, and Mrs. J. J. Keswick, the daughter of Sir Harry Parkes having been presented to their Royal Highnesses, took her place beside them on the steps of the statue while the speeches were being delivered.

Mr. Purdon then said:—In deciding to erect some memorial of Sir Harry Parkes, this community felt that they would be doing honour to the memory of a man who had at heart the interests of all foreigners in China as well as those of his own countrymen, and therefore all, without regard to nationalities, willingly joined in this mark of respect and esteem in which he was held by all who knew him, either personally or only from his official acts. I had the pleasure of his acquaintance for over thirty years; it was then, at a very early age, that he had thrown on him the great responsibility of the affair at Canton which resulted in the war that ended in the capture of Peking and in which he, then Consul, suffered frightful imprisonment by the Chinese and narrowly escaped with his life. I say that during all that time I do not remember hearing adverse criticism on any of his acts, which, considering his high position and the difficulty in pleasing all, is great testimony to his abilities and to the estimation in which he was held. It is not necessary for me, and it would occupy too much time, to recount his connection with Chinese affairs; that is well known to all who take interest in such matters, and the appreciation of his Government was shown by the honours he received. That the first statue erected in Shanghai should be of a such a man reflects

in itself honour on the place, and I am but expressing the entire sentiment of this community when I beg to assure you that we appreciate how greatly this honour is enhanced by your Royal Highness' consent to join us in this ceremony; and in the name of the donors of this statue to the Municipality I beg to request that you will be pleased to unveil it. (Applause.)

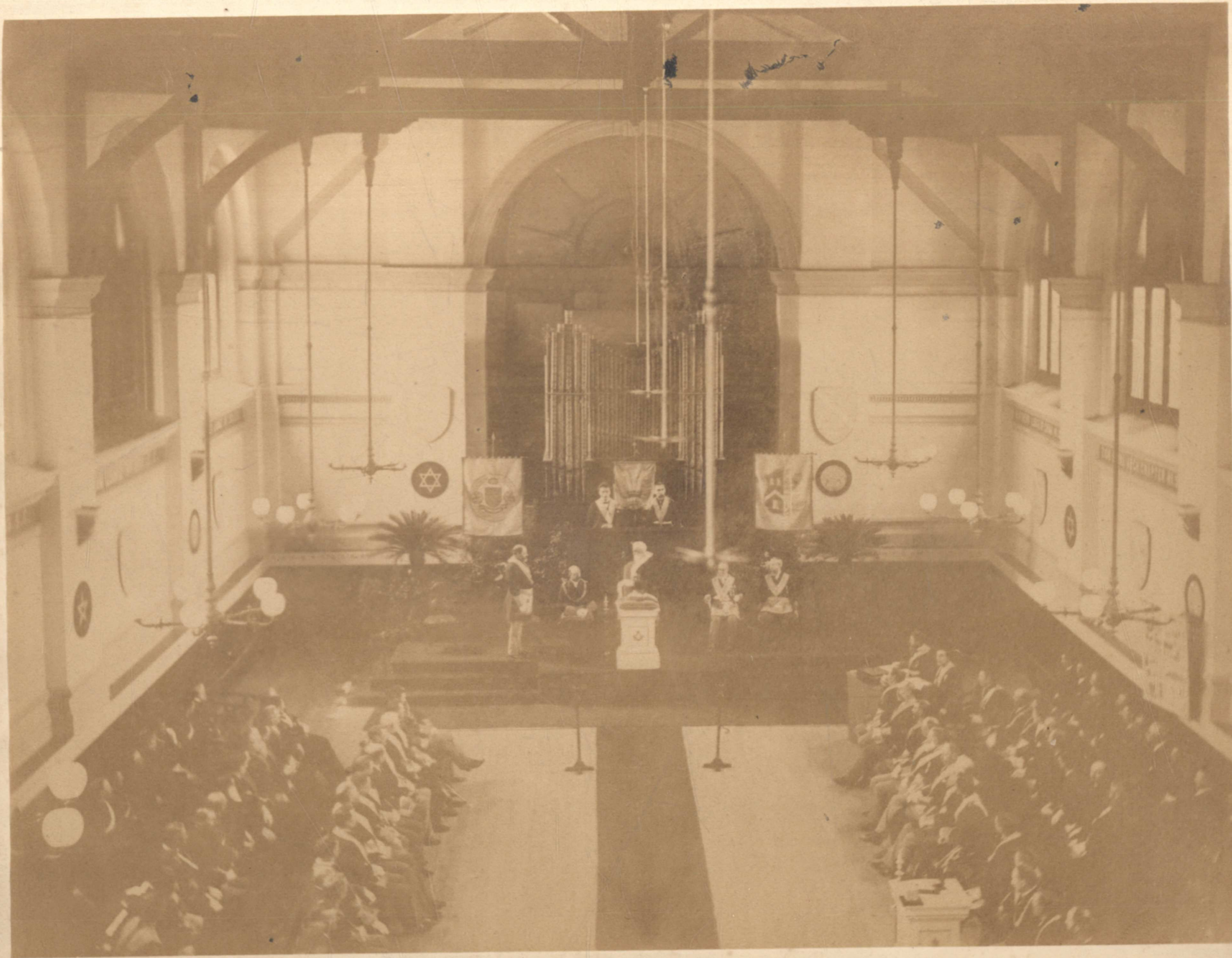
The silken cord was then handed by Mr. Purdon to H. R. H. who then very successfully performed the ceremony of unveiling the statue, the event being hailed with prolonged cheering.

His Royal Highness then said—I do not wish to take up more of your time than is necessary; but I desire to thank you and the inhabitants of Shanghai for having given me this opportunity of sharing with you in doing honour to a distinguished statesman and politician. It is a great pleasure that we have here present the daughter—[here His Royal Highness turned round and took Mrs. Keswick by the hand]—of that distinguished man whose statue I have just now had the pleasure of unveiling. He did noble service to his country and, I hope we may say, to the world; certainly to the civilized world at large (Applause). His indomitable energy and his endurance under the most severe trials, his strong sense of duty under the most difficult circumstances, made him a man who was not only respected by the sovereign and country he served, but also by all those who were brought into communication with him. We cannot forget that it was largely owing to him that Japan has now advanced so greatly in civilisation (Applause.) We know, too, the great works he did here in China, and how he did everything he could to promote the interests of his countrymen and of those European powers who wished to be in friendly intercourse with the Celestial Empire. I thank you for having allowed me on this my visit to Shanghai to share with you the great honour of unveiling this statue. (Loud Applause.)

The Royal party then drove to the Shanghai Club to tiffin.

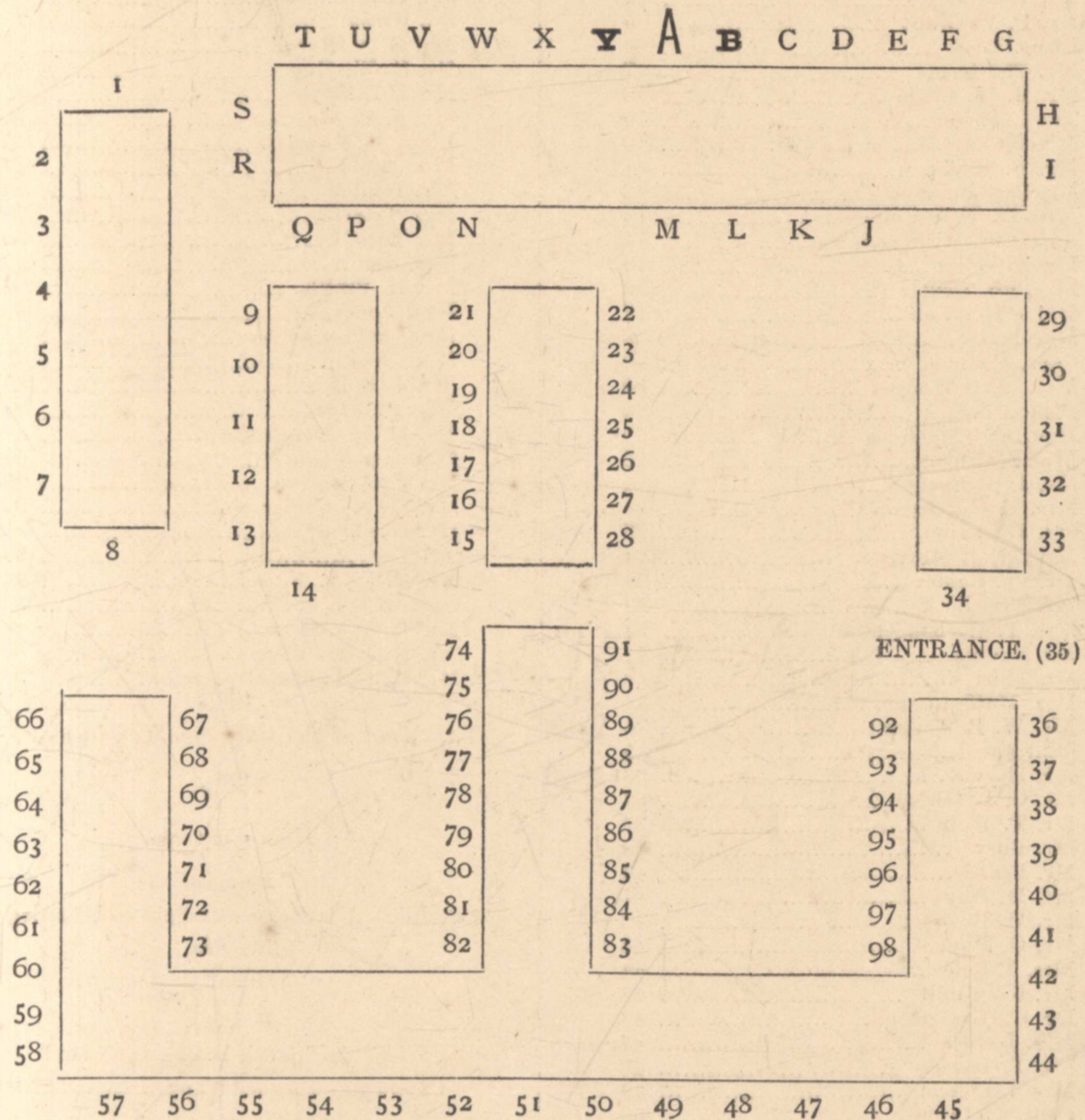
THE TIFFIN.

Before ascending to the dining-hall, the Duchess permitted the ladies present to be presented to her, and said a word or two to each, and altogether was very gracious and less frigid than she appeared to be at the earlier portion of the functions.



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The Menu of the tiffin was as follows :—

MENU.

Hors d'œuvres.

Potages.

Tortue. A la Reine aux Pointes d'Asperges.

Relevés.

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Entrées.

Filets de Bœuf à la Châteaubriand.

Côtelettes d'Agneau aux Petits Pois.

Cailles en Caisses.

Punch à la Romaine.

Légumes.

Asperges. Céleri au Jus.

Choux-fleurs au Gratin.

Rôtis.

Selle de Mouton. Dinde Truffée.

Jambon d'York.

Entremêts.

Meringues aux Amandes,

Crème au Chocolat. Nougat.

Crème aux Fraises Glacées.

Sir Richard Rennie, in brief terms and in a voice inaudible at more than a few yards, proposed the first toast, "The Health of the Queen," and said that their foreign friends joined with the British residents in respectful reverence for Queen Victoria.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and the Band played the National Anthem.

Sir Richard Rennie next rose to propose the toast of the day, and in doing so said:—I have now the honour to propose to you the "Health of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the rest of the Royal Family." We all rejoice in the esteem and affection in which our Royal Family are held. We rejoice especially at the high place in the affections of the country held by the Prince and Princess of Wales. We rejoice to think that the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Connaught have by their attention to the naval and military services of the country earned a very high place. (Applause.) To-day we are especially honoured by the visit which their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess have paid us. We feel an especial and particular pride in the visit, not only on account of the distinguished qualities of our illustrious visitors, but because it is the one particular occasion on which a Princess of our Royal House has graciously honoured us with her presence. We believe that their Royal Highnesses, by diverting from their direct road home to visit Shanghai, have conferred upon us an especial favour which will remain graven on our hearts. (Applause.) We humbly hope that such small endeavours as we have been enabled to make to assist Their Royal Highnesses in passing their short visit here may not have been unsuccessful. We thank Their Royal Highnesses most respectfully and warmly, and we hope all good may attend them, and that their voyage home may be safe and prosperous. (Loud cheers.)

His Royal Highness, in replying, said,—Sir Richard Rennie, Ladies, and Gentlemen, I hope you will accept our most cordial thanks for the very hearty reception you have given to this toast. It is at all times a great satisfaction to our family to feel how very warmly the toast of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other members of our family is received among assemblages of Englishmen (Applause) It is especially on the present occasion a pleasure to feel that, although so very far away from home, we are in the midst of friends and of those who are always ready to give us a hearty welcome. (Loud cheering.) You, Sir, have referred to the Duchess having been the first Princess that has come to Shanghai. I may

almost claim for her that she is the first Princess who has ever visited any part of the Eastern dominions of the Empire (Cheers.) She has shared with me now many voyages, and visited many distant and interesting places, and I am sure she will join with me in saying that among the many warm and hearty welcomes we received, none has exceeded in kindness or cordiality the one we have received from the residents of Shanghai (Loud applause).

Shortly afterwards Sir Richard Rennie announced that the Royal party were anxious to leave owing to the number of engagements which they had to fulfil, and on behalf of their Royal Highnesses he expressed a wish that the ladies and gentlemen would continue their luncheon.

Their Royal Highnesses and Suite then left the Club, being attended to their carriage by the Committee, and drove to the British Consulate, where they changed their attire, after which they drove to the City, accompanied by Mr. Hughes. Indeed, the Royal visitors were quite impatient to get a look at the Chinese quarter, as they had had no previous opportunity of doing so during their travels in China, though they visited Canton, but did not see much of the city there, owing to the number of other engagements made for them by Mr. Alabaster.

IN THE NATIVE CITY.

Two chairs for H.R.H. the Duchess and Mrs. Cavaye had been sent on in advance, and were waiting outside the East Gate, and an interpreter from the Custom House was ready and pleased to play the part of *Celestial cicerone* to the Royal party, who were also accompanied by Mr. Hughes. On arrival at the gate the Duchess and Mrs. Cavaye changed the carriage for their chairs, while H.R.H. the Duke, Sir John McNeill, Col. Cavaye, Dr. Kilkelly, and Mr. Hughes walked and proceeded to investigate the few sights and the numerous smells of the place. The Duke took the greatest interest in all he saw, and spent a little time in the City Temple, and afterwards in the willow-pattern-like Tea Gardens, which impressed him very much. H.R.H. the Duchess, despite the delicate state of her health—she is almost an invalid—also walked about a good deal and was greatly interested in what she saw. The quaint aspect of the streets and the secluded, unexpected little bits of characteristic Chinese gardenscape, with their rockeries, winding paths and zig-zag bridges across lotus-covered little lakes had a

great deal of interest for the Royal visitors. A number of shops were also inspected and Their Royal Highnesses made several purchases, mostly of musical instruments, fans and some silk. Their wanderings inside the battlemented walls were unattended with any particular adventure, beyond once nearly losing their way, but they were promptly set right by the guide of another party who had also gone in on a tour of inspection. The high rank of the little party, all of whom were very quietly attired, was quite unsuspected by the natives, who consequently paid them much less attention than they might otherwise have done, and the Royal visitors found no difficulty in making their way about. It was growing dusk when they reached their carriages again, and it was coming up to seven o'clock when they reached the Consulate to dress for the dinner in the Tien How-kung.

THE CHINESE DINNER.

The dinner given to Their Royal Highnesses by the Taotais Kung and Nieh at the Tien How-kung commenced about a quarter to eight p.m.

The outside of the building was decorated with red drapery and Chinese lanterns, and a guard of honour of a hundred soldiers were drawn up in front of the temple, inside the gate of which a band of native musicians were placed on a platform.

On arrival, the Royal party, consisting of the Duke and Duchess, Mrs. Cavaye, Sir John McNeill, Col. Cavaye and Dr. Kilkelly, as well as the other guests, were received by Their Excellencies Kung Taotai, Nieh Taotai, General Chên; Wu, Director of Local Taxation; Pei, Chehsien; Tsai and Ko, the Magistrates of the English and French Mixed Courts, and Zee Lan-char, Interpreter to H.E. Kung, all of whom were in full official robes, and the cordiality of their reception seemed to please the Royal guests very much. The guests were each received with a musical greeting from the official pipers and were then led into the reception room, which had been gorgeously filled up with scarlet satin draperies, and elaborate satin embroideries, and exquisite dwarf flowering trees in full blossom; and after a few moments conversation the guests were walked across the courtyard to the dining-room, where one long table was laid, with seats for about two dozen. In front of the table a handsome stage had been erected, of which the Royal party had a full view, and when dinner commenced a theatrical performance began, the actors being unusually clever, and obtained a very large share of attention.

The guests were strictly limited to official circles, as will be seen from the list of the guests.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught occupied the centre of the table to the right of H.E. Kung, who presided; H.R.H. the Duchess was on Kung's left hand, having on her right Mrs. P. J. Hughes, and H.E. Nieh Taotai, next to whom sat Sir R. T. Rennie. Then came Mrs. Mowat, Sir John McNeil, Mrs. R.E. Bredon, Col. Cavaye, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Tsai, Mr. von Loehr, Mr. Ko. On the Duke's right hand sat Mr. W. R. Carles, next to whom was Mrs. Cavaye, who had on her right Mr. P. J. Hughes, Mr. R. E. Bredon, Mr. John Macgregor, Dr. Kilkelly, Mr. Wu, Mr. Chen, and Mr. Zee. The latter sat opposite the Duke and acted as interpreter in the conversation between H.R.H. and Kung Taotai. Chopsticks and knives and forks were laid together in front of each guest, and Their Royal Highnesses lost no time in trying to eat *a la Chinois*, but it must be said they did not seem to take very readily to the fashion, and they laughed very heartily at their failures to convey the various kinds of food to their lips. Foreign and Chinese dishes were served simultaneously, and champagne, with Chinese wine. The dinner passed off most successfully, and the guests were highly pleased with the efforts of their native hosts to entertain them, in which they left nothing undone that would conduce to the pleasure or interest of the Royal visitors. Both the Duke and Duchess were greatly struck by the gorgeousness of the dresses of the Chinese actors and the marvellous agility of the acrobats; but they did not, we are afraid, quite follow the drama itself, which was of the usual unintelligible character to a European audience.

The *Menu*, which was printed in Chinese and English, was as follows:—

MENU.

Birds' Nest Soup.
Fried Silver Fish (Ch.). Boiled Fish (For.).
Fried Shrimps (Ch.).
Bamboo Shoots. Fungus. Mushrooms.
Roast Woodcock (For.). Roast Duck (Ch.).
Baked Mutton (Ch.).
Honey-Cured Ham (Ch.).
Chicken Pudding (For.).
Eight-Jewel Rice Pudding (Ch.).
Fruits of Four Seasons.
Dried Fruits.
Sweetmeats in Honey.
Etc. Etc. Etc.



THE TRIUMPHAL ARCH AND THE CLUB.

With the sweets came the toasts, the first of which was the "Health of H.B.M. the Queen," proposed in eloquent Chinese by H.E. Kung Taotai, whose words were interpreted into English by Mr. Zee.

The toast was duly honoured and responded to by H.R.H., after which H.E. Kung proposed the "Health of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught," and an address in Chinese and English was read by Mr. Bredon at the request of the Taotai.

The following is the text of the Address :—

"AN ADDRESS respectfully presented to His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN by KUNG CHAO-YÜAN, Official of the 2nd rank, newly appointed Judicial Commissioner of the Province of Chêkiang, Intendant of the Circuit of Soochow, Sung-kiang, and T'ai-ts'ang, and Joint Commander of the Forces, and NIEN CH'I-KUEI, Official of the 2nd rank, newly appointed Intendant of the Circuit of Soochow, Sung-kiang, and T'ai-ts'ang and Joint Commander of the Forces.

"SIR,—On this 19th day of the intercalary 2nd month of the 16th year of the reign of the Emperor KUANG HSÜ, Your Royal Highness has been pleased to confer upon us the distinguished honour of a visit to Shanghai.

"Among the Officials and Merchants of our Empire of China there is not one who would not eagerly and joyfully strive to be the first to welcome you.

"My colleague and I, who have been for some years residents in the Ports of China, have so constantly heard men of repute, both Chinese and from Western Nations, speak in terms of admiration of the distinguished services and brilliant career of Your Royal Highness, that you have long held a prominent place in our thoughts.

"It is therefore with exceptional pleasure and gratification that we accept the honour of according a personal welcome to so illustrious a guest.

"We believe that the continuous harmony which has existed between your honoured Country and China has attracted universal attention, and we trust that Your Royal Highness will be pleased so to identify yourself with this sentiment that the continuance of these friendly relations may be for ever assured. This desire will continue to burn like sacred incense in the hearts of my colleague and myself.

"We pray that Her Majesty the Queen may enjoy the blessings of a long life, and that many prosperous years may fall to the lot of Your Royal Highness."

H.R.H. the Duke then rose amidst applause to reply. He expressed, on behalf of H.R.H. the Duchess and himself, the pleasure which their reception by the local officials gave them. He was particularly gratified by the reception which he had met from the forts and Chinese fleet at Woosung that morning. He was also greatly gratified by the attention of the Viceroy of Nanking in sending him words of welcome on his landing and by the Viceroy sending his deputy to meet him on the jetty (Applause), and was the more gratified at this attention as showing that it was the wish of the High Authorities representing His Imperial Majesty the Emperor to do him every honour possible, and he was glad to take it as an evidence of the policy of His Imperial Majesty to maintain the most friendly relations with H. B. M.'s Empire (Loud applause). H.R.H. concluded by proposing in his usual happy and eloquent terms the "Health of H.M. the Emperor of China."

H.R.H.'s speech having been interpreted into Chinese by Mr. Zee for the benefit of the native officials, the toast was duly honoured.

H.E. Kung Taotai then presented H.R.H. the Duke with a copy of the Address in Chinese and English, printed in gold letters on a scarlet satin scroll, as a souvenir of the entertainment.

H.E. Nieh Taotai presented H.R.H. the Duchess with a beautifully painted Cantonese ivory fan, and the outgoing Taotai asked the Duke to accept a magnificently carved set of ivory balls, one inside the other, mounted on an ivory stand.

Before leaving the table H.R.H. the Duchess, who appeared to enjoy the entertainment very much, and conversed freely and pleasantly with those around her, produced an autograph album, and asked the two Taotais to sign their names, and styles, amongst the host of distinguished autographs in the book, which their Exs. Kung and Nieh did, when the object was explained to them, though from their remarks they seemed a little suspicious at first, and the Duchess laughed and seemed very much gratified when they inscribed their signatures with many quaint curls and flourishes.

Our lady readers will, we imagine, be interested to know what H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught wore on Tuesday evening at the

Taotais' dinner. The plainness of H.R.H.'s morning costume struck many persons, but we hear that H.R.H. had no idea that the reception would be anything like what it was, and thought that fashion's dictates were unknown in this remote European Settlement. At the dinner H.R.H. wore a very handsome dress of *foulard* silk, cream coloured ground, relieved with large flowers in bronze and gold. It was high bodied, trimmed with gold coloured satin and old lace. The magnificent diamonds and pearls, of great size and brilliancy, which formed her ornaments, greatly struck her Celestial hosts, who were somewhat disappointed with her quiet attire at the earlier functions of the day. H.R.H. was in ordinary evening dress, his only distinctive mark by which to single him out from an ordinary individual being the Star of the Garter which he wore.

After a little further conversation, the party broke up and were escorted from the gate by a guard of honour composed of Braves from the City, who afforded a good deal of amusement and interest to H.R.H. the Duke.

The party broke up at about 10 o'clock and drove to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s hong to see the Fire Parade, Illuminations and Fireworks. It had been their intention to drive along the Bund to witness the splendid display, but the lateness of the hour prevented this being carried out; besides which the Fire Parade had already started, their torches and lanterns being nearly burnt out whilst waiting for the signal to start. The Royal visitors were greatly impressed with the beautiful effect as they drove up the tree-lined avenue, covered with myriads of lanterns and lit up with coloured fires, and H.R.H. the Duke expressed his surprise at the decorative resources of Shanghai, which came as a pleasant and entirely unexpected revelation upon himself and his illustrious Consort.

THE DECORATIONS.

There can hardly be a doubt that the decorations were the most tasteful and judicious part of the whole arrangements for the reception of Their Royal Highnesses. The grace and picturesqueness of the festooning, and the artistic mingling of the colours were peculiarly happy and the general effect could hardly fail to awaken the admiration of our Royal visitors. Indeed, we hear that H.R.H. the Duke expressed himself as more than pleased with the beauty of the decorations generally. Along the Bund a double row of Venetian masts, which started from beyond

the German Consulate, in Hongkew, and ran right up to the Yang-king-pang, had been erected at close intervals, and to each one was affixed a shield bearing the arms of some nation, surrounded by five small flags, and a long streamer waved from the top of the whole device. Strange to say the German Arms seem to have been omitted, while the White Elephant of Siam was a drug in the market. The effect of these, poles, flags, and streamers, was brilliant in the extreme, and was heightened by the verdure of the trees along the Bund, which just now are putting on their spring-time aspect, and by the full white blossoms of the magnolias just beginning to blow in magnificent profusion. Thousands of coloured lanterns hung in festoons across the road from pole to pole, along the fronts of the houses, between the trees, and in every place where it was found possible to hang a festoon to harmonise with and add to the general effect, which in truth was one of vivid beauty, and recalled to mind the magic gardens of the Genii in the Arabian Nights. The Public Garden, at all times beautiful had been rendered an enchanting blaze of bright colours, and the trees, and numerous beds of tulips and hyacinths vied with the flags and coloured lanterns, in vividness of hue, as if nature and art were entering a friendly competition to outshine each other. Coming up the Bund from the Soochow Creek, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's large block of buildings attracted the passer-by with the rows of lanterns hung in festoons across its broad frontage, with the gas-device of "Welcome." The Masonic Hall's fine proportions were set off to great advantage by the lanterns in which it was arrayed, and it bore the device of the square and compass in gas, above the portico, "Fluctuat nec mergitur," while the letters "R.F." in gas formed the device of the French Bank, and lanterns were also disposed in very graceful lines along its front. Messrs. Siemssen's block was festooned as well as its neighbors, but the effect of its decorations is somewhat over-shadowed by the gorgeousness of the triumphal arch beside it. This was the first of the series of arches, five in number, that stretched across the Bund, along the route their Highnesses passed on their way to the Shanghai Club. They were constructed of poles and bamboos, covered with evergreens, and decked with flags and lanterns. The effect of these light and graceful structures was very pleasing, and reflected credit as highly upon the ingenuity of the contrivers, as upon the deftness of the hands of those who brought them to such tasteful com-

pletion. To Mr. C. Mayne and Mr. F. M. Gratton the thanks of the community are certainly due for the trouble they took and the taste they displayed in the street decorations. But the arch that stretched across the gateway of the English Consulate was not so good. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. had made a very successful display, consisting of St. Andrew, delineated in gas-jets, and countless numbers of what the bulk of the decorations consisted of, after all, everywhere—lanterns. The new German Bank and the P. & O. Offices were hung with more lanterns in endless profusion both as to number and variety of design; outside the former were hung some magnificent Chinese embroideries, and altogether the decorations on this building may be said to have been amongst the most effective in the whole display. The hong of Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone & Co. was well decorated with lanterns. The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China displayed a star in gas, and more lanterns. A handsome gas device was that of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon at the corner of the Nanking Road, consisting of three large stars, with the word "Welcome" in large letters. It was at this point that the splendour of the display may be said to have culminated, and truly a stranger would imagine that a carnival was being held, so vivid was the view that met the eye on every side. A mammoth triumphal arch, or rather four arches in one, reared its huge proportions before the statue of Sir Harry Parkes. It was designed with great judgment and taste, and there was nothing awkward about it, for in spite of its massive proportions its appearance was light and airy, and the bright colours of the flags and lanterns, relieved and set off by the sombre hues of the dark evergreens with which it was swathed. Under it the Royal party halted for the unveiling of the statue. The gallery erected for the accommodation of the ladies who came to grace the ceremony with their presence was prettily draped in red and white, and added considerably to the general brightness of the scene. The Central Hotel was decorated with gas devices, consisting of stars, "1890" and "A. L." The Oriental Bank and Messrs. Morrison & Gratton made their premises gay with countless lanterns and flags; and attempts had been made to lessen the ugly appearance of the unfinished buildings at the corner of the Kiukiang Road by hanging strings of lanterns along the hoardings, and between the scaffolding. But nothing of the kind had been done with the hideous old Custom House, which alone of all the build-

ings on the Bund made not the slightest effort to conceal its monstrosities, at a time when even the opium hulks sought to disguise their ungraceful appearance under fresh paint and pretty festoons. Messrs. Brand's hong was very tastefully decorated. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank made a pretty display of gas devices consisting of the Shamrock, Rose, and Thistle, and lanterns. Messrs. Russell & Co.'s were rather ambitious in the illuminations they had put up. A rather doubtful likeness of the Queen was put away near the roof, a position which by no means facilitated the recognition of the features by the passers-by; beneath it was a crown, and at either side of the building a shield and the letters "A. L." depicted in gas. Outside the building another triumphal arch spanned the roadway, surmounted by English, American, and Chinese flags. But the Shanghai Club went beyond all the other building on the Bund in profusion of decoration, and simply robed itself in splendour. Choice flowers were arranged in the spaces in front of the entrance; the verandahs being all hung with blue, white, and scarlet; countless lanterns stretched across on bamboos, and the gas illuminations were on a more extensive scale than any of the others in the Settlement. They consisted of three large stars and "Welcome" in large letters.

Messrs. Mactavish & Lehmann's and the next block were also well decorated.

At the Yang-king-pang Bridge the last arch was thrown across the roadway, and brought the vista to a pleasing termination of flags, foliage and lanterns. At intervals along the Bund, in addition to the countless strings of lanterns, mottoes of welcome to the Royal visitors in English and Chinese and worked in all colours, were suspended across the road: such as:—

Welcome to our soldier Prince.

The foreigner in Far Cathay bids you welcome.

A British Greeting in a Distant Land.

Cead Mille Failthe.

All Hail Victoria's Son.

Hearty good wishes from all Freemasons.

Colum non animum mutant qui trans mare currunt.

In obedience to the sage we welcome guests from afar.

He mounts from high to higher honours still.

Welcome Great Englishman where Chinese drive.

Our hearts are with you, Royal Duke.

Young Shanghai welcomes the Scion of old England.

All nations salute you.

God bless our noble guests.

Welcome to the Duke and Duchess.

The following are the Chinese mottoes, and translations of them :—

"The glow of lamps illuminates the sky. The fairy-like scene is like something not of this world. Shanghai is decked in many-coloured silks, to welcome an Empress's son from the other end of the globe."

"A general of high repute, and at the same time a prince of exalted degree. His breast for brave defence of his country is like the iron bars of a city gate. His tiger-engraved *baton* is as good as a wall to bar out the foe."

"Full of respect, we gaze on his dignified face. All pray that his age may rival that of the hills, and his happiness be vast as the sea. His gracious kindness extends to all, and all sing songs in honour of the halcyon days of calm and brightness which attend him."

"The flowers of *Hwa* (the flowery land, China), enjoy perpetual spring; the buds of *Ying* (the land of buds, *Ying kih-li*, England) hold in their calices each a drop of dewy rain against the sky."

The P. & O. landing stage was covered with white and red cloth, and the way up from the pontoon to the Bund was tastefully lined with plants and evergreens.

The German Club in the Canton Road was hung with flags of all nations, and the British Post Office looked very handsome with the festoons of lanterns hung across its front.

The ships in the river were all gaily dressed, and excited great admiration, particularly the stately vessels of the French and German mail lines.

What with the bright sun, the clear sky, the foliage, flags, and lanterns, on all sides, Shanghai certainly put on its holiday attire, and looked its very best—in fact, never before looked so gay; and we may rest assured that Their Royal Highnesses have borne away pleasing recollections of the aspect of our Settlement in the Far East.

THE ILLUMINATIONS AND FIRE PARADE.

On all sides the illuminations are admitted to have been the very best ever seen in Shanghai, and coupled with the magnificent Fire Parade, to have formed a spectacle worthy of any city, no matter how large, populous and wealthy. That the visitors in whose honour the display was made were gratified in the highest sense of the word was amply testified by the many expressions of approval that fell from the lips of their Royal Highnesses,

during the course of the evening. Shortly after 7 o'clock the lighting of the myriads of lanterns and gas devices on the Bund was begun, and within an hour after, the whole vista was fairly ablaze from the German Consulate to the Yang-king-pang, and the firing of rockets from half-a-dozen different points became incessant. The scene in a little time was a fairy-like one, and will not be easily forgotten by those who witnessed it. The gas illuminations were appropriate and tasteful, and formed a very brilliant feature in the display. The British Consulate was very effectively illuminated with numbers of large red lanterns, while on the main building a crown and four large stars in gas heightened the effect. The arch over the entrance to the grounds, and which was subsequently burned down, looked very well, while the Public Garden with its myriads of lanterns among the trees and overhead was a veritable scrap from Fairyland. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire exhibited "Welcome" in flaring jets over the door of their hong, along with a great number of lanterns. The Masonic Hall device showed up very well. It was the square and compass, with "Arthur" beneath. The French Bank was brilliant with "Fluctuat nec mergitur," and "R. F." in gas, and lanterns. The "St Andrew" of Jardine's was very good, and excited considerable admiration. The Chartered Bank displayed a star in addition to their lanterns, and Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co.'s hong was very brilliant with three stars and "Welcome." The gas devices on the Central Hotel were very pretty consisting of "1890," "A L." and three stars. The shamrock, rose, and thistle device on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was tasteful and brilliant; and the devices on Messrs. Russell's, consisting of H.B.M. Queen Victoria, an Imperial crown, two shields, and the letters A. L. were very brilliant. The Shanghai Club was quite gorgeous with its three large stars and "Welcome." The German Club on the Canton Road made a very pretty display of gas devices, and coloured lanterns. All the floral arches along the Bund were thickly studded with coloured lanterns, and on the large one at the Nankin Road were sixteen electric lamps, which however were rather a disappointment. The *Linnet*, the French mail boat, and the river steamers were gorgeous with lines of coloured lanterns hung from mast to mast, and along the yards, and the *Linnet* rendered particular spots as bright as noon-day for a time with her powerful searchlight. Looking from the Bund, the illuminations across the river were magnificent. The German Consulate was hung with myriads of

lanterns, and a boat moored in front of it, bearing a fiery device showed up very effectively. The Signal Station at Pootung was very pretty, its strings of coloured lanterns, showing out remarkably well. At about 10 o'clock the whole force of the Fire Brigade started from the French Bund, and paraded down the Bund to the Peking Road, the Duke and Duchess, and the Royal party being spectators from "Ewo" hong. First marched a number of the Mih-ho-loongs in their wide white helmets, red shirts, and white trousers, bearing gleaming axes and flaming torches, dragging the ladder carriage of the company, on which a huge dragon was perched, snorting fire and smoke from its nostrils, and looking in every way the terrific monster that tried to make a breakfast of St. George. The motto "Say the word and down comes your house" was displayed in fiery letters on the carriage beneath the dragon. After the Mih-ho-Loongs came the Town Band, led by Chev. Vela, playing spirited marches. Next came the Hongkew Company with their hose reels most elaborately decorated. One bore an excellent picture of the Duke and Duchess and the motto "There when wanted." Just when they were passing the Nanking Road on the way up to start, the large arch before Sir Harry Parkes' statue was set in a blaze by the ignition of a large lantern and the gallant Hongkews proved their claim to the motto they adopted, by unwinding the hose, getting a stream of water on promptly, and speedily extinguishing what might have proved a serious conflagration. They were followed by the hose-car of the "Deluge," with the company, bearing a capital likeness of the Queen, and the motto "Dieu et Mon Droit," and attended by the full force of the company, European and native, in full dress. The French Company "Le Torrent" came next with a gigantic Frenchman bearing the tricolor marching in front. The Frenchmen looked remarkably well in their brass helmets, and they marched in close, well dressed ranks. Two of their cars were very handsomely decorated, and a crowd of Chinamen bearing the Company's lanterns added considerably to the effect of their display. The "Victorias" came last. As they marched along the Bund the Firemen cheered, and let off hundreds of fireworks, Roman candles, and coloured fires red, green, yellow and blue, so that with the lanterns and torches in their ranks, their parade was one long blaze of many coloured lights. They marched up and down the Bund for the space of about three-quarters of an hour, and during their progress the

excitement amongst the swarms of Chinese was tremendous, and the cheering of Europeans from the windows, and along the footways was vociferous, and was heartily responded to by the Firemen.

After the Fire Parade the Firemen had a supper and subsequently serenaded Mr. P. J. Hughes and demanded a speech, which was good-naturedly responded to, but very briefly, the hour (2 a.m.) not being conducive to oratory. Three cheers were given by the serenaders for H.B.M.'s Consul-General, and after singing "God save the Queen" and "He's a jolly good fellow" the minstrels dispersed.

AT EWO.

The honours of "Ewo" were presided over by Mrs. J. J. Keswick and Mr. John Macgregor. The portico was reserved for the Royal party, and from this point they had a good view of the rejoicings outside. When the formidable-looking dragon of the Mih-ho-loongs was brought to a halt before the building Mr. O. J. Ashley, Chief Engineer and the several district engineers and foremen of the fire companies were invited upstairs and severally introduced to Their Royal Highnesses, who shook hands with them cordially and said a few words to each. H.R.H. the Duke then expressed his great pleasure at the admirable display the Firemen had made, and which had given himself and H.R.H. the Duchess the greatest pleasure to witness, and they thanked the firemen for what they had done to entertain them. H.R.H. said he had no idea that anything so perfect in the way of decorations and illuminations were to be found in Shanghai, and he was both surprised and greatly pleased at the magnificent display he had just witnessed.

Mr. Ashley then called upon the Firemen present to give three cheers for Their Royal Highnesses, which were given with an energy that was surprising, considering the lateness of the hour and the great labours of the day.

THE VISITORS EMBARK.

The Royal visitors, for whom the *Gutzlaff* had already blown two whistles, it being almost eleven o'clock, then drove over to the P. & O. Jetty, escorted by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Mowat, Mr. Carles, Mr. von Loehr, Capt. McEuen, Sir Richard Rennie, and Mr. Ritchie, the last two named gentlemen accompanying Their Royal Highnesses on board the *Ancona*, and a visit which will long be remembered in Shanghai came to a termination.

Before leaving, the Duke shook hands with Captain McEuen, and congratulated him upon the admirable good order that had been observed all day amongst the vast crowds of Chinese, as well as foreigners, which was a source of great admiration and gratification to him and impressed him very much.

There was a great deal of enthusiasm at the embarkation of the Royal visitors and great cheering and shouts of *bon voyage* as the *Gutzlaff* steamed out into the river. There is no doubt as to the good impression which both the Duke and Duchess have made in Shanghai, and it is only to be hoped that they will carry away with them a similar impression of the Model Settlement and its cosmopolitan people.

Before leaving H.R.H. the Duke requested Mr. Hughes to convey his own and his illustrious Consort's thanks to all concerned for the splendid reception accorded to them.

THE FLORAL PAGODA.

The huge pagoda of flowers presented by the German community was sent on board the *Ancona* on Tuesday night.

The address presented with the offering was as follows:—

“Eueren Koeniglichen Hoheiten wagen es die Deutschen Shanghai's ihre ehrfurchtsvollste Huldigung darzubringen.

“In den engen verwandschaftlichen Beziehungen zwischen den Herrscherhaeusern Englands und Deutschlands hat sich die alte Stammes- und Sinnesgemeinschaft gefestigt, welche die germanischen Voelker diesseits und jenseits des Kanals verbindet.

“Wir Deutsche hier im fernen Osten sind stolz in Eueren Koeniglichen Hoheiten die erlauchten Vertreter dieser Voelkereinheit begruessen zu duerfen. Die Deutschen Shanghai's bitten einmuethig, Euere Koeniglichen Hoheiten wollen geruhen als ein Zeichen unserer stammestreuen Ergebenheit eine Blumengabe entgegennehmen zu wollen, welche den Schauplatz des heutigen Koeniglichen Besuches versinnbildet.

“Shanghai, den 8. April 1890.”

We translate the above as follows:—

The German community of Shanghai respectfully tender to Their Royal Highnesses their most respectful homage. Owing to the close consanguinity between the reigning houses of England and Germany the ties begot of ancient lineage and similarity of

ideas, which the German nations on both sides of the English Channel unite, have become faster. We, Germans, here in the Far East are proud to be able to greet in Your Royal Highnesses, the Illustrious Representatives of this unity of nations. The Germans of Shanghai unanimously beg Your Royal Highnesses' acceptance, as a sign of our devoted kinship to our great race, of this floral offering, which is the emblem of the scene of to-day's Royal visit.

CONCLUSION.

In considering the whole affair, now that it is well over, it is curious to find what a little part after all was played in the reception by the Committee; and the honour and glory rightly belong not to them, but to the whole Municipality, who in the last moment came to rescue what promised to be a fiasco, and made it the greatest success that Shanghai has ever witnessed.

It was not to the efforts of any set or clique that the magnificent result was due, but to the spontaneous unanimity with which not only the entire British community, but all the residents, of every nationality joined to make the reception to the son of H.B. Majesty as imposing and whole-hearted as possible. The attitude of our native fellow residents left nothing to find fault with; they were as enthusiastic as, and at the same time more orderly than, any other people could well be. Where else but here could a crowd of 200,000 persons be found to give so little trouble? Nowhere else. The Chinese around Shanghai on such occasions could well give a lesson to us Westerners in “law and order,” and the peaceful and docile character of the vast concourse was one of the remarkable features of a very remarkable day. The police, too, deserve something more than newspaper praise; their work was arduous in the extreme, and Captain McEuen, the inspectors and men, foreign, native and Indian, are all to be congratulated upon the admirable way in which they discharged most onerous duties. In hardly any other place in the world could such a concourse fill the streets day and night without some accident or trouble. We have heard of nothing of the kind having taken place here yesterday, which is a result as satisfactory as it is unique. The Town Band and the Volunteers also did their part well, and to Chev. Vela and Major Morrison and the officers and men the thanks of the community are due.



THE TRIUMPHAL ARCH AND MESSRS. RUSSELL & CO.'S PREMISES.



THE LARGE TRIUMPHAL ARCH AT THE NANKING ROAD.



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